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United Nations Regional Centres for Peace and Disarmament

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 52/220 of 22 December 1998 in regard with the maintenance and revitalization of the three United Nations Regional Centres for peace and disarmament, and *welcomes* the intention of the Secretary-General to appoint directors for the Centre for Africa and for the Centre for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Reaffirming the decision of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly, that establishes the United Nations Disarmament Information Programme with the purpose to inform, educate and generate public understanding and support for the objectives of the United Nations in the field of arms control and disarmament,

Bearing in mind its resolutions 40/151 G, 41/60 J, 42/39 D and 44/117 F on the Regional Centres for peace and disarmament in Nepal, Peru and Togo,

Recognizing that the changes that have taken place in the world have created new opportunities as well as posed new challenges for the pursuit of disarmament and, in this regard, bearing in mind that the Regional Centres for peace and disarmament can contribute substantially to the understanding and cooperation among the States in each particular region in the areas of peace, disarmament and development,

Noting that in paragraph 146 of the Final Document of the XII NAM Summit in Durban, South Africa, the Heads of State or Government welcomed the decision adopted by the General Assembly on maintaining and revitalizing the three Regional Centres for Peace and Disarmament in Nepal, Peru and Togo,

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Non-Aligned Movement.

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1. *Reiterates* the importance of the United Nations activities at the regional level to increase stability and security of its Member States, which could be promoted in a substantive manner by the maintenance and revitalization of three Regional Centres for peace and disarmament;

2. *Reaffirms* that, in order to achieve positive results, it is useful for the three Regional Centres to carry out dissemination and educational programmes that promote regional peace and security aimed at changing basic attitudes with respect to peace and security and disarmament in order to support the achievement of the principles and purposes of the United Nations;

3. *Appeals* to Member States in each region and those that are able to do so, as well as to international governmental and non-governmental organizations and foundations, to make voluntary contributions to Regional Centres in their respective regions to strengthen their programme of activities and implementation;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide all necessary support, within existing resources, to the Regional Centres in carrying out their programme of activities;

5. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session on the implementation of the present resolution;

6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "United Nations Regional Centres for Peace and Disarmament:.